under A.C.P. Scheme to the constables who have completed 12 years of service or more?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) In CRPF, all the constables who are medical category SHAPE-I and have undergone successfully pre-promotional courses, are promoted on their turn even prior to completing 12 years. Remaining constables who are unable to get promotion on completing 12 years service have been given the benefit of ACP.

Increasing atrocities of Bodo

†1826. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that atrocities by the Bodo extremists are increasing day-by-day;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against them so far; and

(c) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) (a) to (c) According to report received from the Government of Assam, militant/terrorist activities of National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) have registered a decline in the year 2001, as compared to the year 2000. The Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT) has already come forward for peace talks abjuring the path of violence.

The Government has taken various steps to protect lives and properties from terrorist outfits in Assam. These include, *inter alia,* deployment of Para-military forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-military Forces and State Police for counter militancy operations, declaration of major militant groups as Unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention)

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Act, 1967, declaration of the entire State of Assam as "disturbed area" nnder the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government and modernizations/upgradation of State Police Force. Regular review of the situation both at the level of State and Central Government is being made.

Ratification of UN Convention against torture

1827. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) why the Union Government have not thought it fit to ratify the United Nations Convention against torture; and

(b) the number of torture cases reported and the cases of death in police custody in the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Union Government has not yet ratified the United Nations Convention against torture as there is need to bring the existing legislation in conformity with the provisions of the convention.

(b) The number of cases reported with regard to torture and death in police custody to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 are as below:—

Year	Cases of torture	Cases of death
1999-2000	716	177
2000-2001	611	127
2001-2002	447	158